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RESEARCH AREAS

AREAS OF SPECIALITY

Ethics and social and political philosophy, especially philosophy of wellbeing and wellbeing measurement, philosophy and public policy, philosophy of disability, conceptual engineering, Indigenous rights, and Indigenous philosophy.

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Metaethics, social metaphysics, social epistemology, and Chinese philosophy

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- Φ **Research Fellow**, School of Regulation and Global Governance, Australian National University (2025—current)

EDUCATION

- Φ **PhD in Philosophy**, Australian National University (passed without revisions, 2024)
Dissertation: “Engineering Concepts for Public Policy: Wellbeing and Disability”
Committee: Nicholas Southwood (chair), Garrett Cullity, Katie Steele
Examiners: Ingrid Robeyns (Utrecht), Valerie Tiberius (Minnesota)
- Φ **MA in Philosophy**, Washington University in St. Louis (2019)
- Φ **MA with Distinction (highest honour) in Philosophy**, Victoria University of Wellington (2015)
- Φ **BA with First Class Honours (highest honour) in Philosophy**, Victoria University of Wellington (2014)
- Φ **BA in Philosophy**, Massey Scholar (highest honour), Massey University (2013)
- Φ **Certificate in Sustainable Rural Development**, NorthTec, New Zealand (2009)
- Φ **Certificate in Māori Studies**, NorthTec, New Zealand (2006)

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES & CHAPTERS

7. "Australia's Wellbeing Framework: Is It Really 'Measuring What Matters?'" With Kate Sollis (Geography, Planning, and Spatial Sciences, University of Tasmania) and Paul Campbell (Psychology, ANU). Forthcoming, *Australian Journal of Social Issues*.
6. "An Account of Wellbeing for Wellbeing Frameworks." *Ergo: An Open Access Journal of Philosophy*. (Forthcoming.)
5. "Utilitarianism." *Ethical Theory in Global Perspective*, edited by Michael Hemmingson. SUNY Press. (2024)
4. "Love, Reasons, and Desire." *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* 23 (3): 591-605. (2020)
3. "A Humean Constructivist Reading of J. S. Mill's Utilitarian Theory." *Utilitas* 28 (2):189-214. (2016)
2. "Is Moral Bioenhancement Dangerous?" *Journal of Medical Ethics* 42 (1):3-6. (2016; online first 2015)

REVIEWS

1. "Choosing Normative Concepts, written by Matti Eklund." *Journal of Moral Philosophy* 17 (4): 441-444. (2020)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- ⊕ "An Account of Child Wellbeing for Public Policy." Revise & resubmit, *Social Indicators Research*.
- ⊕ "Wellbeing for Public Health: A Framework for Action." With Amanda Kvalsvig (Otago), Gerry Redmond (Flinders, UNSW), Karen McBride-Henry (VUW), Lynne Russell (VUW), Kristen Maynard (VUW), Rebecca Bell (VUW).
- ⊕ "Conceptual Engineering, Disability, and Public Policy." Under submission.
- ⊕ "How to Engineer an Account of Wellbeing." Under submission.
- ⊕ "Wellbeing Frameworks and Future Generations." Under submission.

PRESENTATIONS

- ⊕ "How to Engineer an Account of Wellbeing." Workshop on Applied Philosophy of Wellbeing, ANU (2024)
- ⊕ "Measuring National Wellbeing in a Multicultural Society." Measuring Wellbeing in a Multicultural World, ANU (2023)
- ⊕ "Conceptual Engineering for Public Policy." Global Priorities Institute, Oxford (2023)
- ⊕ "Measuring National Wellbeing in a Multicultural Society." University of Hawai'i (2023)

- ⊕ “Wellbeing Policy and Future Generations.” Global Priorities Institute, Oxford (2022)
- ⊕ “Disability and Public Policy.” Conference on Social Categories and Oppression, ANU (2021)

PANELS

- ⊕ “Indigenous Knowledges and Philosophy: Sharing Experiences in Research, Dialogue and Collaboration.” Thinking from Everywhen: Philosophy, Indigenous Knowledge and Perspectives, ANU and University of Melbourne (2024)

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- ⊕ Global Priorities Fellowship (£5000), Forethought Foundation for Global Priorities Research, (2022)
- ⊕ Early Career Conference Programme (including travel twice between Canberra and Oxford and 5 weeks’ accommodation), Global Priorities Institute, Oxford (2022)
- ⊕ Australian Government Research Training Program Stipend Scholarship, 3 years, ANU (2020)
- ⊕ Australian Government Research Training Program Fee Offset Scholarship, 4 years, ANU (2020)
- ⊕ Te Pūtahi Atawhai (Māori and Pasifika Student Success) Excellence in Mentoring Award, Victoria University of Wellington (2015)
- ⊕ Doctoral Scholarship, 3 years, Victoria University of Wellington (2015; declined by recipient from 2016)
- ⊕ Te Pūtahi Atawhai (Māori and Pasifika Student Success) Excellence in Mentoring Award, Victoria University of Wellington (2014)
- ⊕ Tu Horomata Scholarship, for outstanding Māori graduate students, Victoria University of Wellington (2014)
- ⊕ Victoria Master’s Scholarship, Victoria University of Wellington (2014)
- ⊕ Victoria Graduate Award, Victoria University of Wellington (2013)
- ⊕ Humanities & Social Sciences Scholarship for graduate study, Massey University (2013, declined by recipient)
- ⊕ Orangi Kaupapa Trust Award (\$4000), to recognize and reward people whose work promotes positive social change and benefits the quality of life in New Zealand (2004); for founding and running Te Whiti-o-Rongomai House, providing accommodation and support for homeless people.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- ⊕ Referee for *Utilitas* (2017), *Bioethics* (2019), *The ILAR (Institute for Laboratory Animal Research) Journal* (2020), *Journal of Value Inquiry* (2020), *Journal of Ethics* (2021), and *Ethical Theory and Moral Practice* (2024).

- Φ Organizer, Workshop on Applied Philosophy of Wellbeing, ANU (2024)
- Φ Organiser, Workshop on Measuring Wellbeing in a Multicultural World, ANU (2023)
- Φ Organiser, Works in Progress Group, Centre for Moral, Social, and Political Theory, ANU (2022-2024)
- Φ Honours Student Mentor, ANU (2021-2024)
- Φ Diversity Committee, Australasian Association of Philosophy (2020-current)
- Φ Senator, Graduate Student Senate, Washington University in St. Louis (2019-2020)
- Φ Graduate Student Health Advisory Committee, Washington University in St. Louis (2019-2020)
- Φ Founder and organiser, Mental Health Support Group, Washington University in St. Louis (2018-2020)
- Φ Founder and organiser, St. Louis Chinese Philosophy Reading Group (including members from Washington University in St. Louis, Saint Louis University, University of Missouri-St. Louis, and University of Missouri) (2018-2020)
- Φ American Philosophical Association Data Task Force Departmental Contact, Washington University in St. Louis (2018-2020)
- Φ Graduate Student Office Coordinator, Washington University in St. Louis (2017-2020)
- Φ Founder and organiser, Graduate Student Social Events Series, Philosophy Department, Washington University in St. Louis (2016-2020)
- Φ Founder and organiser, Philosophy Graduate Students Group (for the minority of philosophy students not in the department's Philosophy-Neuroscience-Psychology programme), Philosophy Department, Washington University in St. Louis (2016-2019)
- Φ Entertainment Committee, Washington University in St. Louis (2016-2017)
- Φ Equality and Diversity Committee, School of History, Philosophy, Political Science and International Relations, Victoria University (2014-2016)
- Φ Te Pūtahi Atawhai (Māori and Pasifika Student Success) Student Mentor (2014-2016)

TEACHING

SOLE INSTRUCTOR

- Φ Phil 234 Business Ethics, Washington University in St. Louis (2019)
- Φ Phil 233 Biomedical Ethics, Washington University in St. Louis (2018)

GUEST LECTURER

- Φ Para 604 Clinical Practice 1 [paramedicine], Auckland University of Technology (2019)—lecture on ethics and medical care

SOLE ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR

- Φ Re St 3091 Confucian Thought, Washington University in St. Louis (2019) – Tobias Benedikt Zürn

- ⊕ Phil 315 Philosophy of Mind, Washington University in St. Louis (2018) – Austin Andrews
 - ⊕ Phil 233 Biomedical Ethics, Washington University in St. Louis (2018) – John Doris
 - ⊕ Phil 233 Biomedical Ethics, Washington University in St. Louis (2017) – Charlie Kurth
- HEAD ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR (Supervising a group of assistant instructors)**

- ⊕ Phil 105 The Big Questions, Victoria University of Wellington (2016) – Richard Joyce
- ⊕ Phil 104 Minds, Brains, and Persons, Victoria University of Wellington (2015) – Simon Keller
- ⊕ Phil 106 Contemporary Ethical Issues, Victoria University of Wellington (2015) – Nicholas Agar

ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR

- ⊕ Phil 1005 Logic and Critical Thinking, ANU (2024) – Daniel Stoljar
- ⊕ Phil 2122 Philosophy and Public Policy, ANU (2024) – Katie Steele
- ⊕ Phil 2122 Philosophy and Public Policy, ANU (2022) – Katie Steele
- ⊕ Phil 1004 Fundamental Ideas in Philosophy, ANU (2021) – Ben Bramble
- ⊕ Māori and Pasifika Assistant Instructor, Phil 107 Philosophy of Media and the Arts, Victoria University of Wellington (2015) – Sondra Bacharach
- ⊕ Phil 104 Knowledge and Reality, Victoria University of Wellington (2015) – Simon Keller
- ⊕ Phil 105 The Big Questions, Victoria University of Wellington (2014) – Richard Joyce

GRADER

- ⊕ Phil 347C Ancient Philosophy, Washington University in St. Louis (2017) – Eric Brown
- ⊕ Phil 227/327 Minds and Persons, Victoria University of Wellington (2014) – Justin Sytsma

TEACHER TRAINING

- ⊕ Mental Health Awareness Training, ANU College of Arts & Social Sciences, 2021
- ⊕ Gender Inclusive Teaching Workshop, ANU College of Arts & Social Sciences, 2020

OTHER ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- ⊕ Research Assistant, Washington University of St. Louis and Cornell University (2018-2021) – John Doris; editorial work for the book *Character Trouble* (OUP, 2021)
- ⊕ Research Assistant, Victoria University of Wellington (2015) – Simon Keller; research for “Love and the Moral Error Theory: Is Love a Mistake?” *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 95 (3):709-721

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